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In re Application of :  
Yoshikazu KATAOKA :  
Serial No.: 09/939,625 : Group Art Unit: 2881  
Filed: August 28, 2001 : Examiner: not yet assigned  
For: LASER IMAGER :  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449 with References, which was filed on December 4, 2001. Also attached is a copy of the return postcard date stamped December 4, 2001. To date we have not received word of this form. It was filed along with a Recordation of Assignment and may have been forward to the Assignment Department.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

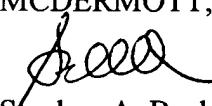
To ensure that these references are available to the Examiner we are providing copies of United States Patent No. 6,229,650, 5,802,034 and Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-131628.

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Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

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